“Educating successful students, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens”

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

August
22nd Thursday  Book Week trip to Sovereign Hill (wear school uniforms with logo, bring lunch and snack. Warm clothes and coat. Contact teacher if pick up from Sov Hill please ~2pm).
23rd Friday  WPPSA Athletic sports at Llanberris for grades 3-6, 9am or 8:20 for the 1500m race.

September
4th Wed  State netball competition, senior girls.
6th Friday  Skipton Kinder Comedy Night (see info included today)
12th Thursday  Grandparents’ Day and Writer’s Festival
13th Friday  Eureka Athletics, Llanberris (for those who qualify)
16th Monday  School Council, 6pm.
16th Monday  Chalambar Golf for grade 3 and 4 representatives
17th Tuesday  P-2 Trip to Werribee Zoo
18th Wednesday  Footy Colors Day and Pie lunch run by Parents Club
19th Thursday  Junior School Council Disco
20th Friday  Last day of Term 3, 1:30 finish.

*The website calendar has all the dates for the year and is continually updated.*

**Principal’s Message**
Wow, a very full week this week with netball, golf, athletics, Book Week dressing up and Sovereign Hill.

The netballers won all of their matches, qualifying them to enter the state competition in Melbourne next month. Thank you to the parents for the transport, and to the coach and the manager, Amelia and Natalie. A terrific effort from our senior girls.

Unfortunately I attended a meeting yesteday and so missed out on all the great costumes! Thank you for making such an effort to celebrate books and promote reading.

We continue to celebrate Book Week tomorrow with a whole-school excursion to Sovereign Hill. Gayle, our library specialist, has organised an excellent day of activities centred around the promotion of reading.
Please ensure your child wears full uniform with a school logo jumper. Children need to
bring snacks and lunch so an excursion bag would be better than the large school bag. If
you want to collect your child from Sovereign Hill (around 2pm), please notify your teacher,
otherwise they will return to school on the bus as normal. The school buses will run on the
regular times. PLEASE send your child in warm clothes, and include a water-proof coat.

To continue the Book Week theme, Hamish and Emily have an ancestor who was an avid
collector of books. Dr John McLaren Emmerson QC amassed the third largest collection of rare
books and pamphlets in the world, including first edition novels and a Nuremburg Bible. When
John died in 2014, he generously bequeathed the entire collection to the Victorian State
Library, now known as The Emmerson Collection. Kerry has written the story for us and I have
uploaded it to the newsletter page on the website for you to read.

On Friday we are holding our 3-6 athletics at Llanberris. Some students have been invited to
compete in the 1500m race starting at 8:20, but for the rest the day begins at 9. Thank you,
again, for arranging transport, and for those who have volunteered their services helping
out. We hope that every child has a go at the sports and tries their best. Children to wear
full uniform, including a logo top. Bring warm clothes, including a water-proof coat, snacks
and lunch. There will be a kiosk and a coffee van on site. Can I ask observers to stay off the
field during the events please.

Council met this Monday. Reports were presented from the finance, policy and
environment sub-committees, as well as from the Parents Club and Principal. Parents Club
have covered the cost of the running track refurbishment and tree stump removal with
their fund-raising efforts. The environment committee are very happy with the state of the
oval, considering all the rain we have had. We are considering ways to spruce up the
sandpit area and provide opportunities for creative play. If you have suggestions, please
feel free to submit them to me for the committee’s consideration. Calvin Tromp.

SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Skipton Primary School Policy Subcommittee have been busy this month! Nine policies were presented:

1. Student Code of Conduct
2. Student Well Being and Engagement
3. Student Support Group Policy
4. Inclusion and Diversity
5. Skipton Uniform Policy
6. Electronic Funds Management
7. School Purchasing Cards
8. Child Safety Reporting Obligations
9. Student Values and School Philosophy

The Schools Values and Philosophy policy includes our vision and values, as well as objectives which are:
• to provide an educational program that develops student’s curiosity and creativity,
• to develop responsible and engaged learners,
• to foster tolerance, respect and acceptance of others,
• to build each student’s resilience and self-esteem,
• to provide a curriculum that is rich and relevant and allows students to succeed,
• to promote and strong, supportive partnership between home and school and the wider community
• to have high expectations of ourselves and others.

The policy also outlines the behavioural traits that we expect from our principal and school leaders, teachers, non-teaching staff, parents and carers, students and community members. This document will be available on the school website.

**Garden Roster**

We ask that each family take a fortnight to come in when convenient and do some gardening. Jobs include mowing, weeding, sweeping paths and a general tidy.

- 20th Aug-2nd Sept: Damian Bell, Karlie Kennedy, Sarah Matthews, Silvia Lupton
- 3rd Sept – 16th Sept: Emma Smith, Amy Sim, Jade partridge, Rebecca McKiernan
- 17th Sept – 30th Sept: Kristen Hansen, Elizabeth Kusanke, Alicia Pettigrew, Hayley Pappin

**Scholastic Book Club**

Please return Book Club orders to school by **Friday 30th August**.

Please ensure that all orders are clearly named with a contact phone number.

If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to “Skipton Primary School”.

Skipton Primary School earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards from all Book Club orders. These rewards assist our school to obtain free books and additional learning resources.
Netball School Championships

Congratulations to our Grade 5/6 Primary Girls team finishing on top of their division at the School Championships held at Ballarat on August 19th.

The girls now move on to Finals Day, which is to be held at the State Hockey and Netball Centre in Melbourne on Wednesday 4th September. Good luck girls!

Sustainability Talent Quest

As a practical response to their learning, Grade Prep/1 are holding a talent quest to raise money for the Melbourne Zoo's Eastern Barred Bandicoot Conservation Program. The show will be held at 1.30 pm on Monday the 2nd of September all welcome, entry by gold coin donation.

Central Highlands Water Week Poster Competition.

All grade Prep-4 students have created posters for this competition, if your child has not returned their consent form could you please ensure this is done by Friday.

The Common.

Grade 5/6 will be out on The Common on Monday, could you please ensure students bring hats, coats and boots to stay warm. I am also looking for a couple of parent helpers to walk with us. Georgie Green.

LUNCHBOXES

Please remember that we do now have two lunch breaks! We have lots of growing kids who seem to be needing more than they may have packed for the day. If you can please make sure that you have plenty available for them it would be appreciated. Thank you.

GOOD ON YOU!

Ingrid, Mia, Ruby H, Jasmine and Nicholas for always being kind and keeping our room clean!
Grace Barr for 200 nights reading.